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1. AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH SAUDIS, US PLANS TO ISSUE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT NOON (WASHINGTON TIME) APRIL 5 OF OUR INTENTION TO DEEPEN OUR LONG-STANDING COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF ECONOMICS, TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY AND DEFENSE.
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2. YOU SHOULD INFORM GOVERNMENT TO WHICH YOU ARE ACCREDITED

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AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL OF OUR INTENDED ANNOUNCEMENT. IN DOING SO YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

- -- THE UNITED STATES, AS IS WELL KNOWN, HAS LONG HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDI ARABIA. IT STEMS FROM OUR MUTUAL INTEREST IN PEACE UN STABILITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF/ARABIAN PENINSULA, THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES, SAUDI ARABIA'S ROLE AS OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNER IN THE ARAB WORLD, AND OUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORT FOR SAUDI ARABIA'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP ITS ECONOMY AND MODERNIZE ITS DEFENSE AND SECURITY FORCES.
- -- FOR SOME TIME, BEGINNING LONG BEFORE THE OCTOBER
 1973 MIDEAST CONFLICT AND THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO, IN RESPONSE
 TO SAUDI INTEREST IN DEEPENING OUR RELATIONSHIP, WE AND
 THE SAUDIS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING HOW OUR RELATIONS COULD
 BE INTENSIFIED AND STRENGTHENED IN A GENERAL WAY. THESE
 DISCUSSIONS WERE RESUMED IN A MORE CONCRETE WAY AFTER THE
 OIL EMBARGO HAD BEEN LIFTED.
- -- PRINCE FAHD WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS WITH US SOME SPECIFIC WAYS TO INTENSIFY THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. THERE WILL BE A JOINT STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT ON APRIL 5.
- -- OUR PURPOSE IS TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN THE
 ENTIRE SAUDI-US RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ENHANCING STABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND CONSTRUCTIVE
 COOPERATION IN AREAS OF IMPORTANCE TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC
 ORDER. WE HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSING AN OIL-FOR-INDUSTRALIZATION BILATERAL DEAL. AS OUR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
 WITH THE SAUDIS NEAR AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC COOPERATION,
 WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES.
- -- AS SECRETARY KISSINGER POINTED OUT IN HIS SPEECH TO THE ENERGY CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES REMAINS COMMITTED TO A PROGRAM FOR COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE A COMMON SOLUTION TO THE ENERGY PROBLEM AND RELATED MONETARY, SECRET

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TRADE, AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK ANSWERS TO THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH MULTI-LATERAL ACTIONS. THEY ARE TOO VAST AND TOO COMPLEX TO BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY BY THE ACTIONS OF ANY ONE OR TWO GOVERNMENTS ALONE.

3. AFTER YOUR PRESENTATION, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT USG IS SIMULTANEOUSLY BRIEFING MEMBERS OF ENERGY ACTION

GROUP CURRENTLY MEETING IN BRUSSELS.

- 4. HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHOM YOU BRIEF ON THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE ENJOINED HOLD THIS INFORMATION VERY TIGHTLY PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT.
- 5. FOR TEL AVIV: UNDERSECRETARY SISCO IS BRIEFING AMBASSADOR DINITZ AFTERNOON APRIL 3.
- $6.\,$ FOR OTHER INFO ADDRESSEES: THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND ONLY AND YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY INITIATIVES. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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